

## TRANSPORTATION PERFORMANCE AUDIT BOARD

Wednesday, November 30, 2005

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

House Hearing Room "D"

John L. O'Brien Building

Olympia, WA

### - Minutes -

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The meeting was called to order by Chair Doug Hurley at approximately 1:07 p.m. Members present were: Benson, Fanning, Forner, Haugen, Hurley, Jacobson, Ostrowski, Ray, Sandaas and Woods.

#### **1. Report of the Chairman**

Janet Ray motioned and Dick Sandaas seconded the approval of the November 4, 2005 minutes. Motion passed.

Chair Hurley requested nominations for the election of a Vice-Chair for TPAB. Elmira Forner nominated Janet Ray. Because of her short time serving on the board, Ms. Ray gracefully withdrew her name for consideration and nominated John Ostrowski. Ms. Forner seconded the nomination. Motion passed to elect John Ostrowski as the new Vice-Chair for TPAB.

Chair Hurley noted that staff from the Governor's office was expected at the meeting today under agenda item 5 to discuss the Governance Study, however, it was indicated that the study was not yet available for presentation.

#### **2. Administrator Report**

Dalene Sprick, TPAB staff, provided a brief overview on the status of existing TPAB projects.

In response to Ms. Sprick's TPAB Project Status Chart which was provided to members, Chair Hurley suggested that the WSDOT Business Process Accountability Oversight review and the Monorail review items be moved to the bottom of the page with an indication that they are complete. He also suggested that the other state agencies TPAB has been assigned to review should be added to this chart as well.

#### **3. Washington Traffic Safety Commission Performance Measures Report**

Lowell Porter and Steve Lind of the Washington Traffic Safety Commission (WTSC) provided an overview of where WTSC is in terms of performance measures and outcomes. Mr. Lind began by explaining WTSC's term "TARGET ZERO" and indicated that Target Zero is a vision for a safe and efficient system with no deaths or disabling injuries by the year 2030.

Mr. Porter went through several slides related to WTSC's statewide traffic safety goals related to traffic fatalities. All of the slides indicated the number of fatalities, fatality rate trends and goals related to DUI, speeding, seatbelt usage, child safety seat and booster seat usage, motorcycles and helmet usage and pedestrian/bicycle fatalities.

Mr. Lind then discussed the "Click It or Ticket" pilot project and noted that this was done in collaboration with the Washington State Patrol, Department of Transportation, Department of Licensing, Sheriff's and Police Chief's Association, and

the Washington Trucking Association. He then discussed car/truck collisions and the efforts WTSC has made in reducing these collisions.

Chair Hurley introduced TPAB's newest member, Senator Brad Benson. Senator Benson replaces Senator Dan Swecker as the new Senate Transportation Committee Ranking Minority Member.

**Member comments:**

Senator Haugen requested statistics on adult versus children involved in pedestrian fatalities.

Representative Woods requested a break-out of the data relative to the number of car/truck accidents that occur on divided highways as opposed to two-lane county roads.

Senator Haugen requested additional data on the number of trucks that are from out of state or Canada versus the number of local trucks involved in car/truck accidents. She also wanted the percentages of where trucks were at fault broken out for her county versus the other counties.

Chair Hurley requested a summary of WTSC's performance measures system currently in place that includes a diagram of inputs, activities or throughputs, outputs and outcomes.

Chair Hurley requested additional data if it is available on the ownership of booster and child seats.

Senator Haugen asked for data relative to speed limits and how they impact fatality accident rates.

TPAB members expressed an interest in obtaining copies of the new Target-Zero brochure when it is available.

**4. County Road Administration Board Performance Measures Report**

Jay Weber, Director of the County Road Administration Board (CRAB), explained to the board that the main charge of CRAB by the Legislature is to oversee and administer the work that is done by the 39 counties.

He then discussed and elaborated on CRAB's benchmarks and performance measures listed below:

Benchmark 1: Establish and monitor an annual certification process to insure that county road departments comply with legislative directives and adopted standards of good practice. *Performance Measure 1: The percent of counties who have received certificates of Good Practice -- 100%.*

Benchmark 2: To provide funding to counties to assist them in preserving and improving the county road systems. *Performance Measure 2: Statewide average arterial pavement and structural condition. Pavement structural condition is a rating of paved roadway surface, based upon the type and extent of defects inventoried. A rating of 0 equals failed pavement, while 100 equals brand-new pavement -- 80%*

Benchmark 3: Provide opportunity for county training in the areas of County Engineer duties, engineering design systems and transportation management systems. *Performance Measure 3: Number of person-days of training attended by*

*county personnel at CRAB provided sessions, July 1, 2005 to date. Engineer's Training - 14 person-days; Eagle Point Design - 50 person-days; and Mobility - 94 person-days for a total of 158 person-days of training.*

**Member comments:**

Chair Hurley requested a summary of CRAB's performance measures system currently in place that includes a diagram of inputs, activities or throughputs, outputs and outcomes.

Senator Haugen shared concerns about counties developing new subdivisions of which many of the roads are private road systems and do not meet the county road standards. Mr. Weber indicated that there are basic minimal functional standards of which a private road must be built and if brought onto the county road system, they must be brought up to the county standards. Senator Haugen requested data on the percentage of these roads (miles) that are in Washington State.

Senator Haugen requested data on the money that goes into the county road fund -- what percentage goes to the Sheriff's department vs. maintaining the roads.

Janet Ray requested additional information on diversions. Mr. Weber responded that he would forward the board new information (both dollars and percentages) related to diversions.

**5. Discussion of Role of Board**

This item was deferred until a later date.

**Executive Session**

TPAB Members went into executive session to discuss personnel issues. Upon reconvening, Chair Hurley indicated that members discussed the possibility of obtaining supplemental staffing assistance through June 2006 to assist with TPAB's work. Janet Ray motioned and Senator Haugen seconded for approval to expend \$50,000 and obtain a consultant to work with TPAB staff to help the Board through June 2006. Motion passed.

**6. Performance Measures on WSDOT**

Greg Selstead and Daniela Bremmer of WSDOT gave an overview of the WSDOT 2003-05 Pre-Existing Funds Project Delivery Reports. These draft reports, which were requested by the Transportation Working Group, summarize delivery of the 2003-05 biennium highway Capital program for the Pre-existing Funded Projects (PEF).

Mr. Selstead expressed concern that the schedule milestones developed by the Transportation Working Group (TWG) do not exactly correlate with the reported budget phases and the result makes it difficult to identify a cost or value associated with schedule performance. He did note, however, that as the department moves into the 2005-07 biennium, steps are being taken to help meet the goals established by the TWG.

**7. Review and Discuss Strategic Plan and Timeline for Communications/Public Relations**

Janet Ray introduced Joe Turcotte and Brad Jurkovich of Porter Novelli. Porter Novelli, was the consultant selected by the board to develop a Public Outreach Campaign. The intent of the campaign is to raise awareness of TPAB's role as an independent resource for reporting on the performance of Washington State's transportation agencies. A subcommittee (Janet Ray, Elmira Forner and Dalene Sprick) was formed to work closely

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with the consultant throughout the development of the plan. Mr. Turcotte and Mr. Jurkovich then provided an overview of the draft public outreach campaign plan.

Janet Ray motioned and Senator Haugen seconded to approve delegating authority to Chair Hurley and Dalene Sprick to review and approve the strategic plan and timeline and to approve execution of a contract. Motion passed

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.